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OUTPUT OF KHARIF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kharif foodgrains production is likely to be down by 1.2 million tons in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the extent to which the production of foodgrains is less in comparison to the last year; and

(d) the steps being considered to increase the Kharif production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)to(c):Yes, Sir. The production of kharif foodgrains during 2000-2001 and 1999-2000 is presently estimated at about 102.68 million tonnes and 103.90 million tonnes respectively. This shortfall is mainly due to aberrant weather conditions.

(d): To increase the production and productivity of kharif foodgrains, various steps have been taken by the Government. These include, inter-alia, implementation of centrally sponsored Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System area, National Pulses Development Project and Seed Minikit Scheme. Under these programmes/project, incentives are provided to farmers for use of high yielding varieties of seeds, application of integrated pest management, propagation of scientific water management including micro irrigation and improved farm implements. In additioin, field demonstrations on farmers' holding including training of farmers and farm labourers are organised for effective transfer of technology. Further, instructions have been issued to states to go for less water requiring crops where there is a shortage of water. They have also been called upon to prepare contingency plan to tackle drought/flood situation.